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Plans for new 34th court under way

Romulus City Council members took the first official step to build a new 34th District courthouse Monday night.

Council members unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding with the court to construct a new building on the municipal campus.

"This was very important to us," said Council President John Barden.

Under the agreement, the city will sell $14 million in bonds to pay for the facility. The bonds will be paid over the course of 25 years through fees and forfeitures paid to the court. No funds will be needed from city taxpayers.

> *We are no longer going to renovate, we are going to build new.*

City council and court officials had been discussing improvements needed at the courthouse since last year. Initially, the plan was to renovate and expand the building but when those estimates came in at nearly $11 million, the decision was made to look at a completely new building.

"We are no longer going to renovate, we are going to build new," said Tim Keyes, Romulus economic development director, who will serve as project manager. "The whole point is that the city wants the court to stay in Romulus and we're doing what we can to make that happen."

The new facility will be about 45,000 square feet, compared to about 30,000 square feet at the existing structure.

"I'm glad that the judges were comfortable with this," said Councilwoman Kathy Abdo.

"I like the fact that we went back and took a look at this, that perhaps the renovation wasn't going to help us because we really do have to plan for the future and it looks like that's what we're doing here-planning for the future."

The court serves the five communities of Romulus, Huron Township, Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township as well as Detroit Metro Airport and has been operating under an agreement signed in 1998 that stipulates the city will serve as the host community in exchange for the fines and forfeiture fees.

"My intention all along, working with the judges, was to keep that court here," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff. "That's what we confirmed tonight."

Blues, Brews and BBQ

6th annual event includes city anniversary fireworks

A wide selection of professional barbeque specialists, a long list of amateur grillers and hometown American Idol contestant Josh Gracin have joined the cooks and entertainers at the 6th Annual Westland Blues, Brews and BBQ.

The event, which draws a large crowd from throughout the area, will begin at 5 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 5, at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park. Along with talented musicians, All American BBQ and a selection of Michigan craft beers, the event will feature professional pit masters, the traditional BBQ competition and free shuttle buses.

Proceeds from the event help support several civic and charitable groups in the city and during the past five years the event has generated nearly $150,000 which has gone back into the community in services and scholarships for students, according to Westland Mayor William Wild.

This year, the event is planned from 5-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, and from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. Parking will be free at the 18th District Court, John Glenn High School, the William D. Ford Career Technical Center on Marquette and at the Westland Friendship Center, located at 1119 Newburgh Road. Free shuttle buses will be provided from the Marquette Road and Friendship Center locations from 7-10 p.m. Friday and from 3-11 p.m. Saturday.

This year, professional pit masters Hill Billy Bone BBQ, Heaven on a Roll, Stick a Pig In It, Harold Ole Daddy BBQ, Smoke Ring BBQ and Uncle Bebe's BBQ will join the fun offering their on-site, slow cooked, authentic BBQ. They will be joined by returning local favorites Famous Dave's, Texas Roadhouse and Longhorn Steakhouse.

In addition, there will be Harvest Kettle Corn, Detroit Mini Donut and Lemonade, Heavenly Hot Dog and On the Border to treat visitors' taste buds. As in previous years, the event will also feature a wide selection of Michigan craft beers, and soft drinks. New this year will be the addition of a wine selection.

Some of the most notable Blues acts in the area will appear Friday night. Dirty Basement Blues will take to the stage at 5:30 p.m. followed by Kenny Parker and Jim McCarty from 7 to 8 p.m. and then Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials will entertain from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

The entertainment continues beginning at noon Saturday when the Jeff Hoagland Band will perform. Roadside Rick and the Breakdowns will perform from 2-3:30 p.m. followed by Detroit Blues Legends with the Boa Constrictors from 4-6 p.m. Thornetta Davis takes the stage from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The final act is the highly-anticipated return of Westland hometown American Idol finalist Josh Gracin who will perform from 8 to 10 p.m.

Josh Gracin

Dirty Basement Blues

Also set for Saturday, Aug. 6, is the All American BBQ Throwdown, presented by the Westland Area Jaycees. The judges will crown the Westland BBQ Champion in both the professional and amateur divisions and different specialty categories, such as ribs, chicken, pork and brisket.

As a part of the City of Westland 50th Anniversary Celebration, the Blues, Brews and BBQ event will close with the largest fireworks display in city history starting at 10 p.m. Saturday.

"This is the 6th year for Blues, Brews and BBQ and it just continues to get bigger and better each year," commented Wild.

"In addition to being a fun way to spend an August weekend, the goal of the event is the fundraising generated through food, beverage and swag sales that will benefit a number of Westland charities including the Goodfellows, the Westland Community Foundation and the Westland Historical Society. Proceeds from this event benefit local civic organi-

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Fife and Drum Corps will host open house

For the first time in 45 years, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will open a rehearsal to the public.

The rehearsal, part of an open house the group has scheduled from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, will take place behind Salem High School in the bus loop. A spokesperson said that all ages are invited to the event and that members of the musical corps would be available to demonstrate the fifes, drums, guard equipment and explain their historically accurate uniforms. Group instructors will also be available to answer questions about the group and their historic music.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps includes students ranging in age from 12-18. It is a non-profit group of young musicians and performers who parade, in their Colonial-era garb, while playing the fife and drum music of two centuries ago. The group travels throughout the area appearing in parades and at events and also tours for special performances of historic significance during the summer months.

The group members are from both Plymouth and surrounding communities and rehearse and practice year round for their performance dates.

The rehearsal is open to the public at no cost. Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton Township.

For more information about the group visit http://pfdc.us/pfdcblog/, or www.facebook.com/pfdc.us/.

Canton - Plymouth - Northville

Field Day is planned

Area residents can unleash their inner child and join Canton Leisure Services for fun activities and a little friendly competition that the whole family can enjoy during the 2nd Annual Family Field Day and Movie in the Park.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 12 in Heritage Park, located west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

Featured activities on the north side of Heritage Park include classic favorites, such as: potato sack races, shoe kicks, three-legged races and wheelbarrow races.

"This is a great way to reconnect with family and neighbors at Heritage Park for some friendly competition and summertime fun," said Laura Mortier, Canton recreation specialist. "The experience and memories is what excites everyone. It's about families building those traditions in a healthy way, and actually spending time together that determines the success of this Field Day. We are committed to delivering unexpected fun and lasting memories for participants, all experienced while taking part in this special outdoor health and wellness activity followed by a movie in the park."

Attendees are reminded to bring a camera. No pre-registration is required. The $10 per family fee is required to be paid on-site and the event is open to the public and all ages are encouraged to attend, even grandparents, Mortier said.

Following the Family Field Day events, a special showing of Disney's animated movie "The Good Dinosaur" (rated PG) will begin at dusk in the park on a big screen. Food, snacks, and popcorn will also be available for purchase on site. Individuals who are not able to attend the Family Field Day activities are still encouraged to attend the free movie.

For more information about Family Field Day and Movie in the Park, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Buy Michigan event set

The Buy Michigan Now Festival will return to downtown Northville for the eighth year the weekend of Aug. 5-7. Hours will be 4-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival is a weekend celebration of Buy Michigan Week. This family-friendly event includes tasty treats, street vendors, live music and children's activities - all highlighting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products.

Admission and parking are free. Main and Center streets are closed in the middle of downtown to make it easy to shop and dine, while enjoying live entertainment from some of Michigan's finest performers. Entertainment in Town Square is complemented by a Michigan Beer and Wine Garden brought to you by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Visit the Buy Michigan Now Festival website for more information.

Victorian clothing on sale

The Northville Historical Society will sponsor the 2016 Heritage Festival Victorian Clothing Sale from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, Thursday, Sept. 8. and Friday, Sept. 9 at Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St. north of Main Street.

Victorian era clothing and accessories for adults and children will be available for purchase from various vendors. Some clothing is new, some gently used and some is vintage.

There is a $2 admission charge per adult visiting the sale. Cash sales are preferred and some vendors may not accept checks or credit cards.

For more information, call (248) 348-1845 or email office@millracenorthville.org www.millracenorthville.org.

Back to school

United Way collection of school supplies for students under way until Aug. 12

It may seem like summer vacation just started, but local stores are already shifting into back to school mode. Plymouth Community United Way is no different. The official Back to School Supply Drive began last week and will continue through Aug. 12. New school supplies and backpacks can be donated at the United Way office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste 2, Plymouth, MI 48170. Items can be dropped off from 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Friday.

Items needed include: pencils, colored pencils, 24-count crayons, markers, yellow highlighters, red, black and blue pens, glue sticks, Elmer's glue, scissors with rounded edges, pink erasers, rulers, one-subject wide ruled notebooks, composition books, 1-inch, three-ring binders, wide-ruled loose leaf filler paper, pocket folders, supply boxes and bags and backpacks.

United Way will also be accepting new socks and underwear in all sizes to be distributed to children. The items will be donated to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank.

United Way representatives are available to help coordinate drives within groups, religious outreach groups or businesses.

For more information, visit www.plymouthunitedway.org or contact Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879 x7.

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August 5th and 6th

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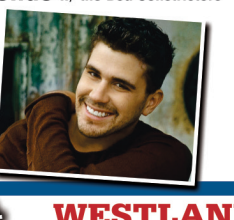
MUSIC LINE UP:

Friday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - Dirty Basement Blues
7:00 p.m. - Kenny Parker and Jim McCarty
8:30 p.m. -
LIL' ED AND THE BLUES IMPERIALS

Saturday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
12:00 p.m. - Jeff Hoagland Band
2:00 p.m. - Roadside Rick and the Breakdowns
4:00 p.m. - Detroit Blues Legends w/ the Boa Constrictors
6:30 p.m. - Thornetta Davis
8:00 p.m. -
JOSH GRACIN



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Olympians
Students attend math competition

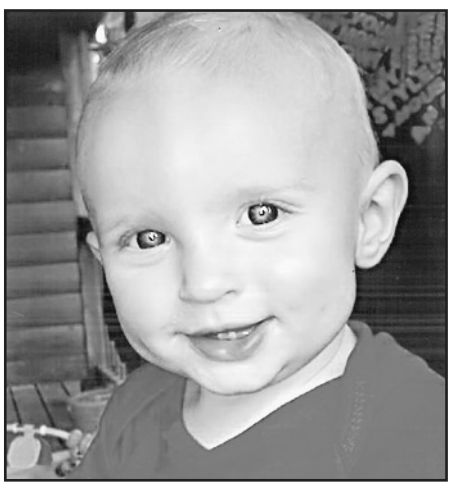
Romulus Community Schools 5th and 6th grade students enrolled in the Accelerated Curriculum & Enrichment (ACE) Program participated for the first time in the Wayne-Oakland County Science Olympiad recently.

The Wayne-Oakland Science Olympiad is dedicated to expanding the science curriculum beyond the classroom, creating a technologically-literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by students.

Science Olympiad is a team competition that requires knowledge of various science topics and engineering skills. Barth Elementary Teachers Tom Gibb-Randall and Lewis Smith led the team along with the assistance of parent volunteers who helped coach the students in nine events. The team of students competed against dozens of schools and qualified for the final competition at Schoolcraft College.

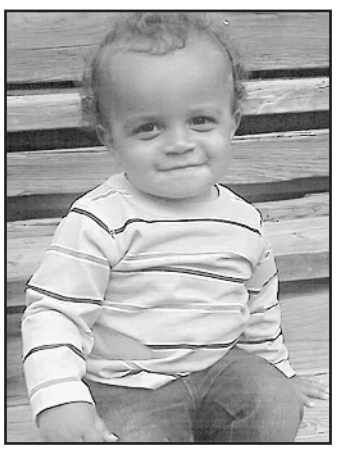
"As a first year team we are pleased of the success that our team had and we look forward to improving," said Barth Principal David Thompson. Two students from the team, Alexis Pyles and Ofona Likaka, earned second-place medals overall in the coding event.

The Barth Elementary ACE team participated in the Wayne Oakland County Science Olympiad recently for the first time.



Oh, baby

The 19th Annual Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival is planned Sept. 16, 17 and 18 at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. and applications for the Cutest Baby Contest will be accepted until Aug. 16. Official application forms are available at http://www.romulusgov.com/cutest%20baby%202016.pdf. Winners last year, included Gabby Lucas, the first place girls winner and Harper Danielle Taylor, the second place girls winner. Gabriel Adams was the first-place boys winner and Kane Woods was the second place winner. For more information, call the Pumpkin Festival hotline at (734) 955-4577.



State police send drug arrest reports to county prosecutor for review

Michigan State Police Special Enforcement Section Troopers are awaiting a review from the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor regarding recent arrests in Inkster.

Troopers stopped a vehicle at about 7:30 p.m. July 21 in Inkster when they noticed the driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

The driver appeared to be intoxicated, troopers reported, and failed field sobriety tests. He was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and in a search of his vehicle the troopers reported finding pill bottles beneath the driver's seat of the car. A further search of the car resulted in the seizure of 1 gram of heroin and about 130 pills of varying substances, according to police reports.

When the driver refused a breath test, troopers obtained a warrant to test a sample of his blood.

The suspect was lodged at the Inkster Police Department pending further investigation and a prosecutor's review of the incident.

About an hour later, at 8:30 p.m., troopers responded to a pedestrian who flagged down their patrol car. The individual told the troopers there was a man around the corner, wearing a white t-shirt, who had a gun.

Troopers went to the location the witness had designated and observed five men, all wearing white t-shirts, but only one of the subjects took off at a run. According to police reports, the suspect appeared to be hiding what appeared to be a handgun in the waistband of his pants.

Troopers took the man into custody without incident and he admitted ownership of the gun. Another handgun was located by the troopers in the area where the five men had originally been observed. The serial number on that firearm had been filed off, according to reports.

The man was arrested and lodged at the Inkster Police Department pending a review by the prosecutor's office and further investigation.

At about 10 p.m. July 22, troopers assigned to the Special Enforcement Section, Secure Cities Partnership in Inkster, observed a subject walking in the street where sidewalks are provided. As they stopped to speak with him, he took off running. As he was running, troopers observed him begin placing something in his mouth. Troopers were able to take him into custody with the assistance of a taser, according to reports of the incident.

The man was found with approximately 3 grams of crack on his person, reports said. Troopers suspected that he was eating some of the narcotic while he was running and transported him to a nearby hospital as a precaution.

When the man was cleared by physicians, he was lodged at Inkster Police Department pending prosecutors' review.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agendas and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review online at www.plymouthtwp.org under Agendas/Minutes and in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI.

Regular Meeting dates in 2016: August 9, September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 15 and December 13.
Special meetings, if any, will occur on Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Nancy Conzelman
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

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Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2016
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe, Sylvia Makowski, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved **by Crout,** seconded by **Makowski,** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
16-305 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Choate,** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 5, 2016. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Abdo, Makowski. **Motion Carried.**
3A. Petitioner: None.
4. Chairperson's Report:
Mayor Pro-Tem Barden announced the APA's 75th Anniversary Celebration (Jones Sub) to be held on July 22, 23, and 24 at the Coleman Center.
4. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Wadsworth,** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
Cable Production Coordinator, Dennis Davidson, gave an overview of upcoming City events. Mayor Burcroff announced that due to the recent storm, the DPW Department is providing emergency chipping service.
5A. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate,** to authorize the mayor (to the extent funds are budgeted) to resolve all claims against the City that the mayor deems valid up to an amount of $5,000 per claim and with notice to council of the settlement of the claim. **After Council discussion, the maker of the motion withdrew the motion.**
16-306 5B. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Abdo,** to move unused funding from the 15/16 budget year to complete the purchase of the police body cameras. (Introduction of Budget Amendment 16/17-4, general fund.)

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expense				
101-301-970.000	Police Capital Outlay	$57,000	$77,000	$134,000
Fund Balance				
101-000-390.000	General Fund-Fund Balance	$3,316,189	($77,000)	$3,239,189

To move unused funding from the 15/16 budget year to complete the purchase of the police body cameras. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced that the deadline to file petitions to run for school board is July 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. and that due to changes in the Election Law, school board elections are now held in November of even-numbered years.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that the treasurer's office is currently accepting orders for Veterans Memorial bricks.
7. Public Comment:
A resident spoke about being held responsible for lawn upkeep on property she does not own. The ordinance director for the City of Romulus, Bonnie Freeman, is looking into the matter. A second resident spoke about the previous resident's problem and that the ordinance director is looking into it.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Communication:
16-307 10A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo,** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Robert Youtsey. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-308 11. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 16-13 in the amount of $856,208.03. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe,** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 11, 2016.

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Belleville

High marks

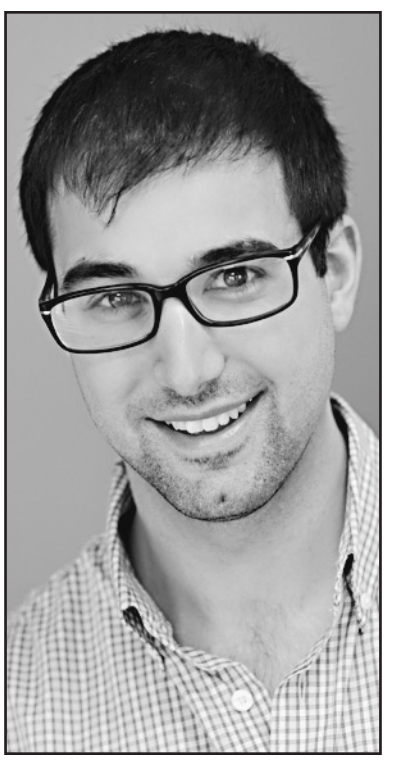
Teacher named as 'cohort' of national science group

Belleville High School teacher Anthony Tedaldi has been honored as a 2016 cohort of Teaching Fellows by the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation.

This year, 34 early career, high school mathematics and science teachers were awarded the teaching fellowship.

Tedaldi teaches chemistry at the high school. He earned a Bachelor of Science in chemistry in 2010 and a Master of Science in chemistry in 2014, both from St. John's University. Additionally, he earned a Master of Arts in educational studies from the University of Michigan in 2015.

Tedaldi will begin his second year of teaching at Belleville High School in September. With the award, Tedaldi will now have access to summer stipends, funds for professional development, grants for teaching materials and mentoring and support from experienced teachers and teacher educators. His award will continue for five years.



Anthony Tedaldi

Library offering basic computer classes

Computer classes will be offered at the Belleville Area District Library this summer.

A computer Basics class, designed to give the absolute beginner an introduction to the skills necessary to use a computer will take place at 3 p.m. Aug. 10 and at 7 p.m. Aug. 4 and Aug 11.

Staying safe Online classes are planned for 3 p.m. Aug. 8. This class will review some of the common viruses and scams and discuss basic strategies for avoiding them.

Students should register in person at the library. Classes are free, but a $5 deposit per class is required to reserve a space. Deposits will be accepted as cash only and will be returned during class. Class length is about 1 ½ hours.

Registration and classes will take place at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, Mi, 48111.

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

To subscribe to The Eagle call 734-467-1900.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – July 26, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Yack, supported by Anthony to move from open session to closed session at 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of discussion of legal opinion. Motion carried unanimously. **6:00 P.M.: CLOSED SESSION – DISCUSSION OF PENDING LITIGATION IN THE MATTER OF SHELLY SHROETER-ELESON V CANTON TOWNSHIP AND DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL OPINION** Roll Call Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to move from closed session to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisor LaJoy reconvened the Open Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to amend the agenda by adding Item G-9: Consideration of Board Action on Attorney's Recommendation Regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter of Shelly Shroeter-Eleson V Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the Board Minutes of July 12, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, asked how the streets being paved by the county in some of the subdivisions is progressing. Supervisor LaJoy replied it is progressing very well, in fact there are several subdivisions underway. Mr. Miller asked when Forestbrook Subdivision would start. Supervisor LaJoy agreed to check with Engineering on July 27th. Mr. Miller asked when Sheldon Road will be repaired. Supervisor LaJoy stated the area has been swept and there is a bond being held pending completion of the project. **Payment of Bills** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Approve Eden on the Rouge Project Plan for Wayne County Economic Development Corporation Revenue Bond Issuance. (Supv.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION APPROVING EDEN ON THE ROUGE PROJECT PLAN WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Economic Development Corporations Act, Public Act 338 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended (the "Act"), this Canton Board of Trustees has reviewed the Eden on the Rouge Project Plan ("Project") of the Economic Development Corporation of the Charter County of Wayne (the "Issuer") presented at its July 26, 2016 meeting; and **WHEREAS,** the Canton Board of Trustees desires to express its approval of the Eden on the Rouge Project Plan described therein and requests the Issuer to proceed with the Project and the financing thereof. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: It is hereby determined that the Eden on the Rouge Project Plan as presented constitutes a public purpose within the meaning of the Act and said Project Plan is hereby approved in its entirety based on the following considerations: The Project Plan meets the requirements set forth in Section 8 of the Act. The persons who will be active in the management of the Project for not less than one year after the approval of the Project Plan have sufficient ability and experience to manage the Project Plan properly. The proposed method of financing the Project is feasible and the Issuer has the ability to arrange the financing. The Project is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act. The Issuer is hereby requested to proceed with the Project and the financing thereof. It is hereby recommended that the Board of Commissioners of the Charter County of Wayne, following a public hearing in accordance with the Act, approve the Project Plan. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to provide three (3) certified copies to the Secretary of the Issuer. **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED Item C-2. Request for Resolution of Local Body of Government to Recognize "Designed Furniture" 48241 Inverary Road, Canton, MI 48188 as a Nonprofit in the Community for Purposes of Making Application for A "Charitable Gaming License" to the Bureau of State Lottery. (Clerk)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the request from the "Designed Future", 48241 Inveraray Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan; to be recognized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-3. Request for Budget Amendment and to Approve Purchase Order to Election Source for Preparation and Testing Of Election Equipment for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election. (Clerk)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the following budget amendment: Increase expenditures: 101-191.801_0050 - Professional and Contractual Services $13,500 Increase revenue: 101-000.695 Fund Balance Appropriation $13,500. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve payment to Election Source, 4615 Danvers Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512, for preparation and testing of the Election equipment for the August 2, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary Election in the amount of $13,330.00 from account 101-191.801_0050. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-4. Consider Appointments to the Commission for Culture, Arts, & Heritage. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the appointments of Kira Macyda and Nikita Pandya to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage for three-year terms to expire December 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Special Land Use for Frank's Auto Repair. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Frank's Auto Repair WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Antonino Paciocco, has requested special use approval for Frank's Auto Repair to be located on Ronda Drive between Koppernick and Joy Roads identified as EDP#005-02-0014-000; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Antonino Paciocco, to conduct the special use for the proposed Frank's Auto Repair subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of the Final Site Plan for Stone Ridge Site Condominium. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final Site Plan for Stone Ridge Site Condominium WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Pulte Homes, has requested final site plan approval for Stone Ridge Site Condominium to be located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road, and identified as tax parcel no. 017-99-0009-001; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the final site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant final site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Pulte Homes, for the final site plan for Stone Ridge Site Condominium, subject to any and all state and local development regulations, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item G-3. Consider First Reading of Code of Ordinance Amendments to Part I, Chapter 34 Entitled "Environment", Article III Entitled "Noxious Weeds", Sections 34-61 to 34-67. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed Amendments to Part I, Chapter 34 Entitled "Environment", Article III Entitled "Noxious Weeds", Sections 34-61 to 34-67. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to table consideration of the proposed Amendments to Part I, Chapter 34 Entitled "Environment", Article III Entitled "Noxious Weeds", Sections 34-61 to 34-67 and schedule the second reading on August 9, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the complete text of this Ordinance is available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. The approved text of the Amendment will be published in the Canton Eagle/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the date of approval. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **Item G-4. Consideration of First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 46, Article V, Entitled "Offenses Involving Public Peace And Order", Division I, Entitled "Generally" By Amending Sections 46-291, 46-292, 46-296, and Division 2, Entitled "Noise" By Amending Section 46-323. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed Amendment to Chapter 46, Article V, Entitled "Offenses Involving Public Peace And Order", Division I, Entitled "Generally" By Amending Sections 46-291, 46-292, 46-296, and Division 2, Entitled "Noise" By Amending Section 46-323. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to table consideration of the proposed Amendment to Chapter 46, Article V, Entitled "Offenses Involving Public Peace And Order", Division I, Entitled "Generally" By Amending Sections 46-291, 46-292, 46-296, and Division 2, Entitled "Noise" By Amending Section 46-323 and schedule the second reading on August 9, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the complete text of this Ordinance is available at the Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI., 48188, during regular business hours. The approved text of the Amendment will be published in the Canton Eagle/Associated Newspaper within the meeting minute's synopsis of the date of approval. A complete copy of the Ordinances for Canton Township is available at www.canton-mi.org. **Item G-5. Consideration of Approval Of Ballot Language For A Referendum To Amend Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, Entitled "Merit System". (Supervisor)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the ballot language for a referendum to amend Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2 of the Canton Township Code of Ordinances. Motion carried unanimously. Complete Ordinance wording is as follows: **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CHAPTER 2 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES BY UPDATING THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE MERIT SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE.** Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2 of the Charter Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows: **Sec. 2-71. - Purpose; hiring practices.** The general purpose of this division is to establish, pursuant to article XI, section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, a merit system of personnel administration for the employees of the township that meets the social, economic, and program needs of the people of the township. This system shall provide means to recruit, select, develop, and maintain an effective and responsive work force, and shall include policies and procedures for employee hiring and advancement, job classification, discipline, discharge, and other related activities. All hiring and promotions in the township classified service shall be made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap, disability, or any other basis protected by federal, state, or local law, ordinance or regulation, or political affiliation, and shall be based on merit.**–Sec. 2-72. Definitions.** *Appointing officer or authority*. The appointing officer or authority means a department head or other person possessing the authority to appoint persons to fill job vacancies. *Unclassified service*. The unclassified service shall include officers elected by popular vote and persons appointed to fill vacancies in such elective offices; one assistant each for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer; members of boards and commissions; persons employed to make or conduct a temporary or special inquiry, investigation or examination on behalf of the township supervisor; persons engaged on an independent contractor basis; and part-time, seasonal or variable hour employees, temporary employees**,** and employees who are members of a recognized township bargaining unit. *Classified service*. The classified service shall comprise all full-time positions not specifically defined in (1) as being in the unclassified service. *Eligibility list*. Eligibility list means a list of qualified individuals who are eligible for appointment to a position in the classified service. *Demotion* means any change of job classification where the classification to which the employee is appointed involved less responsibility, authority, or technical ability and where the maximum pay rate authorized for the position in the Merit system wage scale is less than that authorized for the position vacated by the employee upon appointment to the new job classification. *Part-time Employee*. Part-time employee means an employee who works no more than 29 hours per week on a regular basis. *Seasonal employee*. Seasonal employee means an employee who works for a definitive time period during the year. *Variable hour employee*. Variable hour employee means an employee who is employed year round with no regular, consistent or guaranteed schedule, averaging no more than 29 hours per week for a 12 month period. *Promotion*. Promotion means any change of job classification where the classification to which the employee is appointed and where the maximum pay rate authorized for the position in the Merit system was scale is greater than that authorized for the position vacated by the employee upon appointment to the new job classification. *Special assignment*. Special assignment means any appointment or employment of technical, expert or highly skilled nature to assist in or carry out a special work assignment, which is not a regular part of the administration of township affairs, whether or not such work shall be for a continuous period of time, or periodic in nature. Special assignments shall be deemed to include auditors of township records outside the regular township employ, the employment of special counsel or special engineering services, employment of a zoning expert, employment of a person skilled in personnel problems to assist in the administration of this article or other specialized services similar in nature to those mentioned. The specific mention of any special service shall not be deemed to exclude others that may properly come within the terms. *Temporary appointment*. Temporary appointment means any interim appointment or employment required because of an emergency or temporary vacancy caused by sick leave or other leave of absence, or pending regular appointment of eligible persons certified by the merit commission. **Sec. 2-73. - Merit system established.** There is hereby established a merit system for all positions in the classified service of the township, except as hereinafter qualified or exempted. Appointment to the classified service and promotions and transfers therein shall be based solely upon the training and experience of the individual. **Sec. 2-74. - Creation.** There is created a merit commission which shall administer the merit system for all positions in the classified services, except as qualified or exempted in this article. **Sec. 2-75. - Employees subject to article.** All positions in the classified service shall be subject to the provisions of this article, except as may be hereafter specifically qualified or exempted; except that the township supervisor shall make an initial determination as to whether a vacant position is filled, as well as any special personnel to be employed in the future. **Sec. 2-76. - Personnel director. -**The Human Resources Manager shall serve as Personnel Director to the Merit Commission. The Human Resources Manager also acts as secretary of the commission and shall, at all times, be subject to the control and direction of the commission. The Human Resources Manager position shall be filled on the basis of education, technical knowledge of personnel work, and knowledge of township government and its operation. The Human Resources Manager shall be hired through the same procedures as those set forth under sections 2-57 and 2-78. The Human Resources Manager is subject to the provisions of this division, unless by resolution of the Township Board it is provided that the Human Resources Manager position is to be part-time. The Human Resources Manager starting salary shall be determined based upon the recommendation of the Township Supervisor and with Merit Commission and Township Board approval. **Sec. 2-77. - Hiring and promotions.** (a) Positions in the classified service shall be filled according to qualifications to be determined by competitive examination**,** and shall be open to all persons qualified to compete for the particular position to be filled. (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, when existing employees possess the qualifications to fill an open position in the classified service, a competitive promotional process limited to existing employees may, with the approval of the merit commission, be conducted; provided, however, that if no existing employee obtains a passing score on the competitive promotional examination, an open competitive examination under subsection (a) of this section shall be held. (c) Examination papers written by applicants are considered privileged documents not open to or subject to public inspection or examination. The examination papers of any applicant, however, may be reviewed by the applicant at their request. **Sec. 2-78. - Certification of candidates; probationary period.** (a) Whenever a position in the classified merit system is to be filled, the Human Resources Manager shall notify the merit commission of that fact, and the commission shall certify the names of no more than three candidates standing highest on the eligibility list for the class or grade to which the position belongs. (b) In the case of a vacancy in a department director position, the township supervisor shall**-**forthwith appoint one of the persons so certified under subsection (a) to the position**,** subject to the confirmation of the township board. In the case of an employee reporting to a department director, that department director shall, with the approval of the township supervisor, forthwith appoint one of the persons so certified to the position. (c) An appointment to the classified service shall be for a probationary period to be fixed by the rules of the commission, but not to exceed one year. At or before the expiration of the probationary period, the department director may discharge a probationary appointee. If not discharged prior to the expiration of the period of probation and if no complaint has been made as to the service rendered, the appointment shall be deemed permanent. **Sec. 2-79. - Emergency hiring.** To prevent the stoppage of business or to meet extraordinary circumstances or emergencies, the Supervisor, with the approval of the merit commission, may make temporary appointments not to exceed 120 days, and only until regular appointment under the provisions of this division can be made. Any emergency appointment made under this section may, with the approval of the commission, be extended for a period to be determined by the commission. Any person appointed under this section shall not be entitled to the protection of the due process standards set forth in section 2-81 until such person is regularly appointed under the provisions of this division. **Sec. 2-80. - Examinations.** All examinations for entry into and promotion within the classified merit system shall, to the maximum extent possible, be professionally developed examinations, supported by empirical data demonstrating that the examination is predicative of, or significantly related to, successful performance in the position for which applicants are to be tested. **Sec. 2-81. - Discipline.** (a) Any employee in the classified merit system may be discharged, suspended or demoted in rank or compensation for cause by the employee's department director with the approval of the township supervisor, or, in the case of a department director level employee, by the township supervisor, after completion of their probationary period. The employee must be notified in writing, stating specifically the reasons. The notice shall be filed with the merit commission and a copy shall be furnished to the person to be discharged, suspended, or demoted. The employee may reply in writing to the notice within five days from the date of its filing with the commission. Any employee in the classified service discharged, suspended or demoted in rank or compensation may, within ten days after presentation to them of the notice of discharge, suspension or demotion, appeal to the commission. The commission, within two weeks from the filing of the appeal, shall commence the hearing, and shall fully hear and determine the matter, and either affirm, modify or revoke such decision. (b) The appellant shall be entitled to appear personally at the public hearing, produce evidence, and have counsel present. The finding and decision of the commission shall be certified to the employee's department director, who shall be responsible for carrying out the determination of the merit commission. **Sec. 2-82. - Political activities of employees.** No employee in the classified service shall solicit or receive or be required in any way to solicit or receive any assessment, subscription or contribution for any political party or any political purpose whatsoever, except as otherwise permitted by law. Any employee violating the provisions of this section may be removed from office. **Sec. 2-83. - Witnesses; punishment for contempt, perjury and violations.** Any person who is served with a subpoena issued by the merit commission in the course of an investigation to appear and testify, or to produce books, papers and electronic documents, and who refuses or neglects to appear and testify or produce evidence as commanded in the subpoena, is guilty of a misdemeanor. The fees of witnesses for attendance and travel shall be the same as the fees of witnesses in the circuit court, and shall be paid from the appropriation for the expenses of the commission. A judge of the circuit court, upon application of the commission, shall compel the attendance of witnesses, the production of books and papers and the giving of testimony before the commission in the same manner as the production of evidence may be compelled before the court. Every person who, having taken an oath or made affirmation in a proceeding, swears or affirms willfully, corruptly or falsely is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who knowingly violates any of the provisions of this division, and any person who neglects or refuses to perform any duty enjoined upon them by this division, is guilty of a misdemeanor. When, by this division, any act or duty is required to be done by or under the supervision or authority of any officer, and such act or duty is not done or performed, then the officer who has willfully neglected to perform such duty, or has willfully permitted the omission or nonperformance of such duty or act, is guilty of a misdemeanor. **Sec. 2-84. - Discrimination.** No person in the classified service or seeking admission thereto shall be appointed, reduced or removed, or in any way favored or discriminated against, because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap, disability, sexual preference, or any other basis protected by federal, state, or local law, ordinance or regulation, or political affiliation. **Sec. 2-85. - Budget appropriation.** The township board shall provide the necessary appropriations to pay the expenses of the merit system commission and to carry out the provisions of this division. **Subdivision II. - Merit Commission Sec. 2-101. - Membership; chairperson.** The merit commission shall consist of three electors of the township. One member shall be appointed by the township supervisor, subject to the confirmation of at least four members of the township board. The second member shall be selected by the classified employees of the township. A majority of the votes cast of the classified employees shall be necessary to select such member, and if no person obtains a majority in the initial voting, a runoff election shall be held between the two persons receiving the highest number of votes. The third member of the commission shall, be selected by those two members of the commission; provided, however, if the two members fail to make the appointment of a third member within 60 days, the third member shall be appointed by the township board. All appointments shall be for a period of six years, with each term expiring on December 31 of the final year of the member's term. Each commissioner shall serve until their successor is appointed and qualified under this subsection. (c) The three members of the commission shall together elect a chairperson for a one year term. No member shall serve as chairperson for more than two consecutive terms. Any vacancy occurring on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by the appointing power designated in subsection (a) of this section and within 60 days of such vacancy. (d) No commissioner may be a township employee or a relative of an employee, nor be an elected official, or member of any other board, committee or commission of the township. For purposes of this subsection, relative is defined as the spouse, son, daughter, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, and the commissioner's spouse's parent, son, daughter, grandparent, brother and sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, grandparent, grandchildren. (e) No person shall be appointed a member of the commission who is not a citizen of the United States, who has not been a resident of the township for at least one year, nor an elector of the county for a period of at least three years immediately preceding such appointment. No commissioner shall hold any other elective or appointive office, place or position under the United States, the state, or any city, county or other political subdivision thereof, nor shall any commissioner serve on any committee or take active part in the management of any political campaign. Not more than two of the commissioners at any one time shall, be adherents of the same political party. Two members of the commission constitute a quorum thereof. (f) Each commissioner shall receive compensation for each day's service in an amount to be determined by the township board not to exceed 30 days of service in any one year. Commissioners shall be entitled to reimbursement of necessary traveling expenses and mileage as may be incurred in the actual performance of their duties; provided, however, that no compensation shall be paid for traveling to and from regularly scheduled or special Merit Commission meetings. For the first year after the adoption of the merit system, compensation may be paid for not to exceed 60 days' service. (g) The township board by a vote of five members may remove a commissioner for cause during their term of office, but only after serving the commissioner with a statement in writing of the reasons for such removal, and allowing them the opportunity to be represented and publicly heard in their defense. **Sec. 2-102. - Meetings.** (a) The merit commission shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly. Notice of merit commission meetings shall be posted in advance as required under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 et seq, as amended. (b) If two or more commissioners or the human resources manager determine a scheduled meeting is not necessary, or in the case of an emergency which will result in more than one commissioner absent, the meeting shall be cancelled. (c) Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. (d) Special meetings may be called at the request of the chairperson or any two members of the commission, or the Human Resources Manager. **Sec. 2-103. - Powers and duties.** (a) In order to carry out and make effective the purpose and intent of the provisions of this division in establishing a merit system, the merit commission shall: (1) Establish and administer a policy governing the classified service. (2)Make rules and regulations as it deems necessary and advisable for the administration of the merit system. (3)Make such investigations as may be necessary to enforce the provisions of this division and its own rules and regulations. (4)Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this division and/or as may be conferred upon it by statute or ordinance. (b)The commission, if authorized by the township board and subject to its approval, may contract for such technical personnel services and advice as may be reasonably necessary for the performance of the duties described in this section. (c) The wages and fringe benefits established for classified employees shall be recommended by the commission, but shall not take effect until approved by at least four members of the township board. **Item G-6. Consider Approval to Create Deputy Leisure Services Director Position. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the creation of a Deputy Leisure Services Director position for the Leisure Services Department at a salary grade 10. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-7. Consider approval of Emergency Purchase Order for Replacement of a Utility Vehicle. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the emergency purchase order for the replacement of a utility vehicle for Pheasant Run Golf Club from Jacobsen, 23540 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673 in the amount of $27,500 with funds to be paid from Account #584- 756-50.970_0030 Capital Outlay Machinery and Equipment. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the following budget amendment: Increase expenditures: 584-756-50.970_0030 Capital Outlay Machinery & Equip $27,500 Increase revenue: 584-000.695 Fund Balance Appropriation $27,500 Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-8. Consider Approval to Increase Blanket Purchase Order for Bulk Rock Salt. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the increase to Purchase Order #2016-231 for bulk rock salt from Wayne County, Accounts Receivable, 500 Griswold, 20th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226 in the amount of $8,400 for a purchase order total of $38,400. Funds to be taken from Parks Account 101-270_50.930_0070 Maintenance & Repair Grounds. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-9. Consideration of Board Action on Attorney's Recommendation Regarding Pending Litigation in the Matter of Shelly Shroeter-Eleson V Canton Township. (Supv.)** In the matter of Shelly Shroeter-Eleson v Canton Township pending in Wayne County Circuit Court, motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the proposed settlement with the Plaintiff, and further authorize the Township Supervisor to Sign any documents necessary to effect resolution of this pending lawsuit on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz reminded the board the Michigan Shakespeare Festival is July 29 through August 14 at the Village Theater. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

_____ Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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Award winner

Norwayne Vitality Center wins honors

The City of Westland Department of Housing & Community Development has been chosen as a recipient of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Awards of Merit: Community Revitalization for the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center. The official presentation of the award took place in Portland, OR July 15 during the organization summer conference.

The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center is a key component in the efforts to revitalize the historic Norwayne district, officials said. Built during World War II, Norwayne is the most economically-challenged neighborhood in the city. Approximately 5.5 percent of the population of Westland lives in Norwayne, while 85 percent of students who live in the district qualify for free lunches. Twelve percent of Westland police calls for service are dispatched to Norwayne. Mayor William Wild designated the Norwayne revitalization as a priority when he took office and he and the members of the city council used local and federal grant funds for renovation, demolition, green space, roads, sidewalks, infrastructure, and park improvements in Norwayne. The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center is the largest city investment in Norwayne.

"I was born in Norwayne," said Wild. "This was an exciting project for me to see this former school building undergo a rebirth to the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center that has served as the hub of community activity in the Norwayne neighborhood.

"We are honored to accept this award on behalf of the city and I would like to thank Housing and Community Development Director Joanne Campbell as well as her entire staff for their tireless efforts on this project and for the Norwayne community."

"It is a wonderful opportunity to work on this project with so many dedicated people and organizations," Campbell said. "Almost every week another group is calling to schedule an new class or activity. This has a significant impact on the revitalization of the Norwayne community."

"This program celebrates achievement and honors the work that our members do each and every day to ensure a safe and affordable place to call home. Showcasing the efforts of housing agencies and agency officials through National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Awards of Merit" said John Bohm, acting CEO of the group.

"We hope that the general public, community leaders, private industry and government itself will become inspired to reform and enhance existing housing and community development programs and in addition create new ground-breaking programs and services to meet the housing needs our nation's most vulnerable citizens," he added.

The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center is a key component in the efforts of Westland officials to revitalize the historic Norwayne district. Their efforts were recently rewarded with a national award.

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zations to support their charitable work locally in Westland." Wild said more information and updates are available at the above listed website or by calling the Brews and BBQ hotline at (734)793-9333.

"A big thank you to this year's sponsors for making The 2016 Blues, Brews and BBQ event possible," Wild said. Those sponsors this year include: Ritter GIS; Wayne County Community College District; North Brothers Ford; Gordon Chevrolet; Michigan Chiropractic Specialist; Parkside Dental; Westland Car Care; Garden City Hospital; Midwestern Sanitation Inc.; Delta Dental; Windstream; Comerica Bank; Retirement Plan Advisors; ETNA Supply; Whitty Protective Services; Westland Police Lts & Sgts Assoc.; Independent Carpet One; Comcast; Zeal Credit Union; Michigan Humane Society; Fausone Bohn, LLP; Synergy Environmental; Marquette House; Universal Learning Academy; Jack Demmer Ford; Actron Integrated Security Systems Inc.; Bendzinski & Co.; Denha Properties; Harder Home Improvement and Laurencelle Properties.

Trial set in Wayne killing

The 26-year-old-man accused of killing his 58-year-old step grandfather with blows from an ax has been found mentally competent to stand trial by court appointed psychiatrists.

The accused, Jesse Wayne Gunderson, is alleged by prosecutors to have have attacked Danny Dart Sep t. 28 in the back yard of the Dart home in the 4500 block of Chamberlain. Mr. Dart was married to Gunderson's grandmother and the couple had taken Gunderson in to live with them when he arrived unexpectedly from California a few weeks prior to the alleged crime. Friends and neighbors said that Mr. Dart and Gunderson seemed to get along well and that Mr. Dart took his step-grandson out socially several times.

Gunderson is facing first degree murder charges in the death of Mr. Dart.

At his arraignment, a not-guilty plea was entered on Gunderson's behalf and he was ordered to undergo a criminal responsibility psychiatric evaluation to determine his mental competency to face the charges. A trial date before Wayne County Third Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houton has been set for Nov. 14.

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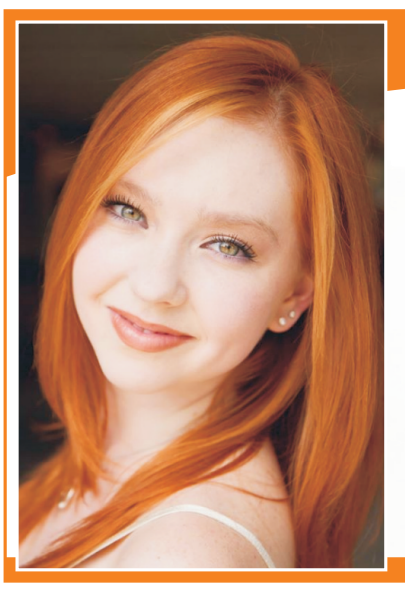

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Calendar of events

Romulus concerts continue

The Romulus Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will continue the free summer music series, "Sounds in Downtown", at the Romulus Historical Park from 7-9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Fridays in July, and every Friday in August.

The Romulus Historical Park is located at 11147 Hunt St. In addition to the music, there will be family activities, vendors, concessions and refreshments available for purchase. Attendees should bring their own lawn chair or blanket to watch the show.

Performers include:

Aug. 12: Rustbelt Revival - Folk/Rock
Aug.19: Remedy - Rocking Country
Aug. 26: Infinity and Beyond - Journey Tribute

Concerts will take place rain or shine, except in the case of lightning.

The Sounds in Downtown series is sponsored by the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, Romulus Arts Council, City of Romulus, Magic Productions and other community sponsors.

For more information about Sounds in Downtown or the Arts Council, visit www.facebook.com/DowntownRomulus, www.romulusgov.com/PublicArtContest or call the Romulus DDA at (734) 955-4533.

Canton concerts continue

The popular Thursday Night Concert Series returns to Canton at the Heritage Park Amphitheater every Thursday evening from 7:30 - 9 p.m. through Aug. 11.

Crusin' Custom Coneys, Good Humor and Awesome Bounce will also be on hand. The concert series is sponsored in part by Community Financial Credit Union and Twisted Rooster. Participants are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs and enjoy the concerts on the amphitheater lawn.

Aug. 4: Weekend Comeback - Hits from the 60s to today
Aug. 11: All Directions - Blues, Classic Motown and R&B

Concerts are weather-permitting.

St. Mary enrollment under way

St. Mary Catholic School offers preschool through 8th grade education and is currently enrolling students for the 2016-17 school year. Walk-in tours are available from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesdays during August.

The school is located at 34516 W. Michigan Ave. in Wayne. St. Mary offers qualified teachers and an academic program to Catholic and non-Catholic students in a diverse environment. It also provides enrichment programs beyond the basic curriculum such as C.Y.O. sports, Academic Olympics, Spelling Bees, Student Council, children's vocal and bell choir, band, Scouting program, and before and after school care. St. Mary is fully accredited and it scores consistently above average nationwide on the Iowa Standardized Test.

For more information, call (734)721-1240 or visit StMarySchoolWayne.org.

Diamond nominees sought

The Commission on Aging and Wayne Senior Services Office are once again looking for help in finding the Diamond of the Community.

This program recognizes a Wayne resident, 70 or older, who still continues to volunteer in helping make Wayne a great community in which to live. Nomination forms are available at Wayne City Hall, Wayne Library and Wayne Senior Services/HYPE Recreation Center. They must be completed and returned to the Senior Services Office The resident selected as the Diamond of the Community will be the guest of honor at a dinner Sept. 20, receive $75, a beautiful plaque and be presented with an official resolution from the city acknowledging their contributions.

The award program will be sponsored, again this year, by Wayne Dairy Queen.

Information regarding the presentation dinner and tickets will be released following the selection of the Diamond of the Community recipient for this year.

For more information, contact Wayne Senior Services, (734) 721-7460 or nwnoel@cityofwayne.com.

Office hours are 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday concerts announced

Music In The Park, a 32-year "Summer Wednesday at Noon" tradition will be hosted again this year by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Concerts will continue through Aug. 24.

The 10-week concert series is free to the public and made possible through the generosity of community business and organization sponsors. The schedule this year includes:

Aug. 10 - Gemini
Aug. 17 - Barbara Bailey Hutchinson
Aug. 24 - Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment

Belleville concerts planned

The Belleville Area Art Council Music Lakeside concert is set for 7 tonight at Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville. The concerts usually last about 2 hours, organizers said, and in the case of inclement weather, the event is moved to the Belleville United Methodist Church on Roys Street, right across the street from the park.

There are a limited number of picnic tables/benches at the park, organizers said they strongly encourage folks to bring chairs or blankets for seating. Food and non-alcoholic drinks are welcome. As the concerts take place in a city park, alcohol is prohibited. Local restaurants will be on hand selling a special menu of food, drinks and frozen gelato during the performances.

More information is available at www.bacaart.org.

The scheduled season performances include:

Aug. 4 Jill Jack (rock/folk)
Aug. 11 Big Ray and the Motor City Kings (rock/blue)
Aug. 18 NO SHOW DUE TO THE TASTE OF BELLEVILLE
Aug. 25 Dig A Phony (Beatles tribute)

Shakespeare Festival in Canton

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is once again teaming up with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to bring several special performances to Canton this summer.

Until Aug. 14, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival will present its 2016 Season lineup at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Performances will include: William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "King Richard II," along with Karen Tarjan's "The Killer Angels," all featuring respected and professional Equity Actors.

Tickets are now available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by phone at (734)394-5300.

Cardboard boats to race

The Third Annual Cardboard Boat Race is scheduled to take place beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center.

Participants are encouraged to use creative teamwork to build a boat using only cardboard and duct tape prior to the event. Boats should be less than 5.5 feet wide by 10 feet long. Cardboard boats must be built at home and then transported to the Summit to compete. Paddles will be provided for participants and boats can be raced by one or two individuals.

Assistance finding cardboard material is available by phoning (734) 394-5467.The entry fee for this event is $10 for Summit members, $15 for Canton residents, and $20 for non-residents.

Registration for the Cardboard Boat Race can be accomplished in person at the Summit or online at www.summitonthepark.org.

The Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information about this and other upcoming events at the Summit, visit www.summitonthepark.org

Roamin' Chrome in Romulus

Romulus VFW Post 9568 and the City of Romulus Veterans Outreach Committee are holding a Roamin' Chrome charity poker run. All motorcycles, classic cars and hot rods are welcome. Registration will start at 10 a.m. Aug 6. at Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers located at 15155 Huron River Dr.

Registration is $20 per driver and $10 per passenger if pre-registered at Romulus City Hall or Department of Public Works or $30 per driver for those that register the day-of.

Some of the other stops for this event are the Playoffs Bar, Wild Willy's, Time Family Restaurant, AM Leather, Jets Pizza, Romulus Auto and Walter's Bar & Bowling Alley in partnership with Detroit Radiator. Cash prizes are awarded for the top three hands, and the worst hand. All proceeds go to benefit local veterans.

Volunteers are needed to assist on the day of the event.

To help, or for more information, please call (734) 955-4577 or email Committee Chairperson Robert McCraight at rmccraight@ci.romulus.mi.us.

Senior Picnic planned

The Inkster Commission on Aging Annual Picnic is planned for 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at Wheatley Park.

The event will take place rain or shine and seniors must be registered in advance for a boxed lunch. To register, call (313) 561-2382.

There will be a running man dance off challenge, food, games and fellowship. The park is located at Penn and Beech Daly roads.

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